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### **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed on October 28, 2003

We are enclosing copies of U.S. Design Patent No. 417,693; U.S. Patent Nos. 4,046,044, 4,685,366, 5,027,684, 5,322,001, 5,671,647, 5,996,459, 6,098,515, 6,189,218, 6,460,443, 6,540,451 and U.S. Publication Nos. 2002/0096031, 2003/0140757, 2003/0140761 and 2003/0154835.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding

what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate.

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The undersigned attorney hereby certifies: that each item of information contained in the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement.

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